**Meeting Minutes**

**COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**GOVERNANCE and NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, November 11, 2020**

**One Hudson City Centre, Suite 301**

**Hudson, New York**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Columbia Economic Development Corporation Governance and Nominating Committee was held on August 19, 2020 at 8:30am for the purpose of discussing any matters that may be presented to the Committee for consideration. This meeting was not open to the public due to COVID-19, but they may attend and participate in the meeting via Zoom. ZOOM MEETING DETAILS: Join by Video: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87142322876?pwd=QTFIKy84RXoyc1M5dVE3RWNTQjQxZz09>

Join by Phone: +1 929 205 6099, Meeting ID: 871 4232 2876 The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Gary Spielmann, Chair.

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| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived/Departed |
| James Calvin | Committee Member | Present via Zoom |  |
| David Fingar | Committee Member | Present via Zoom |  |
| James Lapenn | Committee Member | Present via Zoom |  |
| Kenneth Leggett | Committee Member | Excused |  |
| Gary Spielmann | Committee Chair | Present via Zoom |  |
| Sarah Sterling | Committee Member | Present via Zoom |  |
| F. Michael Tucker | President/CEO | Present via Zoom |  |
| Andy Howard | Counsel | Present via Zoom |  |
| Lisa Drahushuk | Administrative Supervisor | Present via Zoom |  |
| Erin McNary | Bookkeeper | Present via Zoom |  |
| Martha Lane | Business Development Specialist | Present via Zoom |  |
| Ed Stiffler | Economic Developer | Present via Zoom |  |
| Carol Wilber | Marketing Director | Present via Zoom |  |

**Minutes:**

*Mr. Calvin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fingar to approve the minutes of August 19, 2020. Carried.*

**Committee Appointments:**

Mr. Tucker stated he would contact the new Board members regarding serving on committees. Mr. Spielman asked if Mr. Fingar had any prospects to fill the one empty Board seat. Mr. Fingar stated he did not*.* Mr. Tucker suggested sending an email out to the entire board providing a list of the current board members with their term’s expiration date. Mr. Spielmann has a couple of potential members, which he will present at a future time.

**Charter Review:**

Mr. Spielmann asked if anyone had any suggested changes. Mr. Calvin and Mr. Howard stated they found no changes. *Mr. Fingar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sterling to reaffirm the charter as presented. Carried.*

**Other Business:**

Mr. Tucker stated he had circulated information regarding the Copake solar project. He stated he had assisted in setting up a presentation with NYSERDA to the Board of Supervisors regarding opting in or out of the real property tax exemptions as well as how the siting law works. He suggested that his earlier support letter policy be reviewed as it might be applicable in these cases. Mr. Tucker stated CEDC would be approached by Transco for a letter of support for their power line project. He anticipated CEDC would be approached by other solar projects for letters of support. He stated he felt CEDC should see how the discussion progresses at the Board of Supervisors. He anticipated further information would be available by the November Board meeting.

Mr. Tucker stated he and the staff had a meeting to discuss the rising county COVID numbers. The consensus was to revert to 50% in the office and 50% remote. A daily Zoom meeting would be held to stay in contact.

Ms. Sterling reminded the committee they had earlier discussed an informal mentoring system for new Board members. Mr. Tucker suggested he call them first followed by a call from the Committee members.

*Having no further business and no public comments, the committee meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Calvin, seconded by Ms. Sterling. Carried.*

*Respectfully submitted by Lisa Drahushuk*